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The Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held yesterday, has decided that all official Bills be taken up on the 4th and 5th February 1963.

(3) NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND ECONOMY IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENT.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members are aware that strict economy has to be effected in expenditure in Government Departments on account of the National Emergency. While enforcing the same, the Legislative Assembly Department has released some man-power to assist in the work connected with Defence in the Public Department consisting of the following staff :—

One Superintendent.

Two Upper Division Clerks.

One Lower Division Clerk.

(4) PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. SPEAKER :—I have to announce to the House that under Rule 14 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I nominated the following six members of the Assembly to be the Panel of Chairmen for the present sitting of the Legislative Assembly :—

1. Sri N. Shanmugasundaram.
2. Sri C. Srinivasan.
3. Sri G. Venkataraman
4. Srimathi A. S. Ponnammal,
5. Sri Rama Arangannal.
6. Sri C. Chiranjeevulu Naidu.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE MADRAS LAND IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, I move—

" Whereas the following Members :—

(i) Sri K. S. Ardhanareeswara Gounder;

(ii) Sri D. Dasarathan; and

(iii) Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai.

were elected by the Second Assembly under section 8 (2) (*f*) of the Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) as members of the Madras Land Improvement Board constituted by the Government in their Order Ms. No. 3946, Food and Agriculture, dated the 2nd December 1960; *and whereas* the above mentioned persons ceased to be members of the Legislative Assembly consequent on the dissolution of the Second Assembly; and *whereas* casual vacancies thereof have arisen in the office of the said members so elected; now, therefore, in pursuance of sub-section 7 (*a*)

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of section 8 of the Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) this House do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Speaker, to elect three members of the Legislative Assembly to the said casual vacancies in the Madras Land Improvement Board."

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

"Whereas the following members—

(i) Sri K. S. Ardhanareeswara Gounder;

(ii) Sri D. Dasarathan; and

(iii) Sri G. Vagheesam Pillai.

were elected by the Second Assembly under section 8 (2) (f) of the Madras Land Improvement Scheme Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) as members of the Madras Land Improvement Board constituted by the Government in their Order Ms. No. 3946, Food and Agriculture, dated the 2nd December 1960; *and whereas* the above mentioned persons ceased to be members of the Legislative Assembly consequent on the dissolution of the Second Assembly; *and whereas* casual vacancies thereof have arisen in the offence of the said members so elected: now therefore, in pursuance of sub-section 7 (*a*) of section 8 of the Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) this House do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Speaker, to elect three members of the Legislative Assembly to the said casual vacancies in the Madras Land Improvement Board".

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on the 31st January 1963 as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for the election to the Madras Land Improvement Board should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 3-00 p.m. on the 31st January 1963. I also fix 11 a.m. on the 1st February 1963 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, viz., *three*, a poll will be taken on the 2nd February 1963 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS ESSENTIAL ARTICLES CONTROL AND REQUISITIONING (TEMPORARY POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1963.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, I move—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Amendment Bill, 1963."